the Subordinate Offices have Hindi Typewriters and some offices have Electronics Typewriters which have a Bilingual Key Board.

Hindi Training Programme

†4702. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of typists and stenographers under his Ministry/Department and subordinate offices who have not taken training in Hindi typing and stenography;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training so far; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Mostly old recruited Typists and Stenographers are trained in Hindi.

It is planned to train non-Hindi knowing Steno-Typists who have been recently recruited, in a phased manner.

Tourism Projects in NE Region

4703. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the list of tourism infrastructure projects sanctioned, State-wise, in the NER indicating allocated amount, amount released, utilised and progress made;

(b) the names of tourist spots of NE listed in the Government of India's tourism network; and

(c) the specific plan taken up to focus tourism potentiality of the NE at national and international level, including those of Majuli Island?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) A statement showing number of infrastructure projects sanctioned, in the North East Region during 1999-2000 is given in the enclosed

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

statement. (*See* below). Implementation of projects is undertaken by the State/UT Governments.

(b) Ministry of Tourism has identified travel circuits in the North East Region in consultation with the State Governments which include tourist spots like Guwahati, Kaziranga, Tawang and Gangtok, etc. for integrated development through the joint efforts of Central and State Governments.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism has taken following initiatives for tourism development in the North East Region:—

- Allocation of 10% of Plan Budget of Ministry of Tourism for tourism development in the Region.

- Upgradation of Government of India Tourist Office Guwahati from sub office to Regional Office.

- Free booth in world's largest tourism fair, ITB Berlin.

- A film on North East 'Land of Emerald Hues' and a brochure titled 'North East' have been produced.

- Production of CD-ROM titled 'Seven North Eastern States' to promote the tourists spot of the region.

- Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 5 lakh to carry out of feasibility study for setting up a tourist lodge at Garamur, Majuli during 1999-2000.

Statement

List of Infrastructure Projects Sanctioned, Amount Sanctioned and Released during 1999-2000 in the North East Region

S. No.	State	No. of Project Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount Released
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	10	235.54	49.16
2.	Assam	13	347.70	72.14
3.	Manipur	8	222.00	66.60
4.	Meghalaya	3	24.97	5.84
5.	Mizoram	12	288.18	92.42
6.	Nagaland	12	267.80	86.75
7.	Tripura	7	340.76	99.12
8.	Sikkim	10	98.98	34.57
	TOTAL	75	1825.93	506.60